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FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT (FFA) SCHEDULE FOR OPERABLE UNIT (OU)-1,
INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM (IRP) SITE 18 AND OU-2A, IRP SITE 24,
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed your letter dated May 15, 2001 requesting an extension of a deadline for OU-1 and OU-2A as forth in Appendix A of the FFA for MCAS El Toro. The extension request is made pursuant to Sections 9.2(a) and (g) of the FFA.

As indicated in your letter, a six and a half month extension is needed to submit the draft Record of Decision (ROD) for OU-1 and OU-2A. The Department of the Navy (DON) has requested that the submittal date for the draft ROD change from May 15, 2001 to November 28, 2001.

On May 1, 2001, the DON requested a limited two-week extension for submittal of the draft Record of Decision (ROD). The purpose of the two-week period was to solicit a written response from the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and Orange County Water District (OCWD) regarding their commitment to decide on the agreements associated with the Irvine Desalter Plant by June 22, 2001. Based on Enclosure 1 to your letter, OCWD and IRWD intend to have approval or rejection of the Settlement Agreement and SGU [Shallow Groundwater Unit] Agreement by June 22, 2001.

As a result of the time required to reach a final decision on the Irvine Desalter Plant and the steps required to approve a Proposed Plan, a six and a half month extension is

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requested to submit the draft ROD for OU-1 and OU-2A. DTSC remains concerned about the numerous delays associated with these OUs. However, DTSC is encouraged by the written commitment from the water districts to provide a decision regarding the agreements by June 22, 2001. As such, DTSC grants the extension requested by the DON.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Triss Chesney, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5395.

Sincerely,



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